GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SCARCITY OF MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the health care personnel are not willing to work in the far-flung rural areas of the country due to non-availability of basic infrastructure including accommodation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) In rural areas, primary health care services are being provided through a network of 145272 Sub-centres (SCs), 22370 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and 4045 Community Health Centres (CHCs) as on March, 2007. A SC has one Female (ANM) and one Male Health Worker with a provision of one LHV for six such Sub-Centres. A total 161445 Health Worker (Female)/ANMs are in position in SCs & PHCs in rural areas.A total 62881 Health Worker (Male) are in position in SCs in rural areas.

PHC has a Medical Officer and 14 other staff. A total 15546 Health Worker (Female)/LHVs, 20234 Health Assistants (Male) and 22608 doctors are in position in PHCs in rural areas. CHC is expected to have Four Medical specialists i.e. Surgeon, Physician, Gynecologist and Pediatrician supported by 21 paramedical and other staff. A total of 5117 Specialists, 1740 radiographers are in position in CHCs. A total of 17919 Pharmacists, 12101 Lab. Technicians and 29776 Nurse Midwife/Staff Nurses are in position at PHCs and CHCs. Residential facilities for the doctors and other staff are also available in some health premises.

(c) Under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), funds are released to States/UTs Governments for upgradation/strengthening/establishment of new Centres including construction of residential building for doctors and other staff. The States/UTs Governments are however required to incorporate their requirement in their annual NRHM Programme Implementation Plans (PIP).